

**NON PERM
SCIENTIFIC TECHNICIAN, FISH PROGRAM
METHOW FIELD OFFICE**

OPENS: FEBRUARY 1, 2010-----CLOSES: FEB 17, 2010

Position: Scientific Technician

Duration: March 1, 2010 through appr. October 31, 2010

Salary: Range 36

Duty Station Location: Methow Field Office

Work schedule: 40 hours per week. Typically working weekends and holidays.

Responsibilities:

95% working in the field Rotary screw trapping, for 3 and 6 month positions: Successful candidates will be part of a team maintaining and operating two rotary screw traps in the Methow River Basin. Sample juvenile salmonids for species, length, and weight; Collection of biological samples such as scales, and tissue samples; Assisting with PIT tagging; Data recording, data entry, and proofing. Also will assist with sampling of juvenile hatchery salmonids prior to release from Methow basin facilities. The 6-month position includes Summer Chinook creel, for 3 months: Collect biological samples from adult summer Chinook, Conduct angler interviews for the popular summer Chinook sport fishery at various locations of the upper Columbia River. Identify and examine fish for hatchery marks and/or presence of tags, measure fish for fork length, and collect snouts from coded wire tagged salmon. Also assist in spring Chinook spawning ground surveys in late summer. The 7-month position will primarily be sampling adult spring Chinook and steelhead during broodstock collection activities at local dams and weirs, and will assist in the monitoring of PIT tagged juvenile hatchery fish releases.

Working Conditions:

Scheduling will include nights and weekends. Must be able to carry 5 gallon buckets of water for short distances.

Also must be able to lift and maneuver adult salmon weighing up to 40 pounds. Work will often occur for extended periods in inclement weather. Duties may require driving long distance in state-owned vehicles, and interacting with anglers in the field. Applicant should have excellent interpersonal communication and time management skills.

Minimum Qualifications:

Scientific Technician 2 - Graduation from high school or GED, including one year of high school science AND two years of experience as a Scientific Technician 1 OR Graduation from high school or GED including one year of school science AND two years of laboratory or field experience as an assistant to a biologist, chemist, or zoologist.

*College course work involving major study in biology, zoology, fisheries, chemistry, natural sciences, or closely allied field will substitute, year for year, for experience, provided course work includes at least six semester or nine quarter hours of natural science classes. A valid Washington State or other state's drivers license is required.

HOW TO APPLY: Contact Alex Repp no later than February 17, 2009 by submitting the following: A completed State Application and Resume, via fax (509) 997-0072, or email to: reppaar@dfw.wa.gov; or mail to: WDFW, Fish Program; Attention: Alex Repp; 20268 Hwy 20, Twisp, Wa 98856

Closing date is Feb 17, 2010. Please pass this on to anyone who may be interested but does not have email.